(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Pioneer of July 29, 1993 regarding BHEL deal about boiler contract with Malaysia's National Power Company, the Tonage National Berhad (TNB);

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the details regarding terms and conditions of the contract;

(d) whether any lobbying fee has been paid in connection with the above deal; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) BHEL has bid for 2×500 MW boilers in Malaysia against competitive bids. Technical scrutiny of the tender is underway. Price bid is not yet opened.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Revival of H.P.C. Unit

2205. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned 'Revival HPC unit delayed' which appeared in the Indian Express of June 17, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this delay;

(c) what steps are being taken to expedite the revival of this unit, which produces an essential item like paper; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Nagaland Pulp and Paper Company Limited has been referred to BIFR and Operating Agency has been appointed. The package proposal prepared by the Corporation is being examined by the Operating Agency and others.

Standardisation by election dates

2206. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Election Commission has decided to standardise by-election dates in two slots throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have agreed to the decision taken by the Election Commission; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As per information made available by the Election Commission, a decision was taken in the Conference of Chief Electoral Officers held on 4th May, 1993 that the Commission will fix two or three sets of programmes for by-elections in a calendar year after taking into account the examinations in Schools and Colleges, monsoon, periods of religious festivals etc.

(c) and (d) under election laws, it is for the Election Commission to fix the programme for by-elections and it is not obligatory for the Commission to take the consent of the Government for it.

Action against judges of High Courts/Supreme Court

2207. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government or the Chief Justice of India have issued any instructions to take action against the judges of High Courts and the Supreme Court with a view to clean the image and reputation of the judiciary;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):